Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 284.51 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 94.84 crore as State contribution. Entire Central share of CRF, amounting to Rs. 284.51 crore for the year 2007-08 has been released.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted 2 memoranda seeking additional assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for relief operations in the areas affected by floods during 2007-08. High Level Committee (HLC) considered the request (1st memorandum) of the State and approved the assistance Rs. 136.053 crore from NCCF, subject to adjustment of 75% of the balance in the CRF account and payment of Air bills on actual basis.

Regarding 2nd memorandum Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh during 16—19 December, 2007, for as on the spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds. The report of the Central Team has been received and processed. Certain clarifications have been sought from the State Government, which are still awaited. On receipt of clarifications, the request of the State Government will be placed before Inter Ministerial Group and High Level Committee for consideration and approval of assistance to the State from NCCF.

Streamlining the recruitment process in para-military forces

2084. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons at the lowest level recruited by para-military force under jurisdiction of his Ministry during 2007, force-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that at a number of recruitment centres of various paramilitary forces, no tests, physical or written could be conducted due to the creation of chaotic conditions by the aspirants;

(c) if so, the details thereof in each case;

(d) whether there is any proposal to streamline the recruitment process by these forces so as to avoid such situations; and

(e) by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The recruitment tests are organized by the Forces at centres throughout the country. Position is being checked, particularly in the context of any untoward incident at these centres.

Naxalites recruiting minors in their troops

†2085. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that naxalites are recruiting minors in their troops;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that these minors get military training in addition of collecting information for the naxalites; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.